



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action

May 15, 2008

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received an application to renew an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit, which has been drafted for public comment. Renewal of permit #UNEV2002211 has been applied for by the following applicant:

Barrick Cortez, Incorporated  
HC66 Box 1250  
Crescent Valley, Nevada 89821

The applicant has submitted a renewal application for a UIC permit associated with the Cortez Gold Mines, HC 66 Box 1250, Crescent Valley, Nevada 89821. The application is in response to the release of petroleum hydrocarbons from the above-mentioned facility. The applicant proposes to continue remediation efforts utilizing the injection of hydrogen peroxide solution into the groundwater. The injectate should facilitate the biodegradation of the petroleum hydrocarbon contamination. Monitoring at the facility will be required to ensure that groundwater is not degraded.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Safe Drinking Water Act, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to reissue permit #UNEV2002211 as stated above.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing by June 10, 2008 either in person or by mail to:

Attn: Russ Land  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
901 S. Stewart Street, Ste. 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701  
(rland@ndep.nv.gov)

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All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty days prior to the hearing date.

The application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Russ Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9428.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.